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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kevin D. Williams

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some \*   c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                         | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sugiyama (US 5,445,076).

Sugiyama teaches a rotary printing machine comprising an adjusting device for adjusting a sheet transport cylinder depending upon various printing-material thicknesses, comprising a mounting support 35 for mounting a sheet transport cylinder 32 so that a rotational axis of the sheet transport cylinder is adjustable from a first axial position B which corresponds to a given printing-material thickness to a second axial position B1 which corresponds to another printing-material thickness and is axially parallel to said first axial position, at least one eccentric bearing 37, the movement path described by an axis of rotation during an adjustment thereof from said first (B) to said second axial position B1 corresponds to a line which determines a change in cylinder nips which in terms of size is effected at least approximately to the same mutual extent where said nips are formed by the sheet transport cylinder together with adjacent cylinders, where the rotational axis of the sheet transport cylinder in the first and second positions is parallel to an axis of rotation of an adjacent impression cylinder 33, where

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adjusting directions lie at least approximately on a bisector of an angle determined by the axis of rotation B of the sheet transport cylinder and axes of rotation P,I of other cylinders adjacent to the first-mentioned sheet transport cylinder.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stein (US 5,983,795) in view of Sugiyama.

Stein teaches a rotary printing machine comprising a sheet transport cylinder 6 disposed between another sheet transport cylinder 7 and an impression cylinder 5, and an angle determined by the axis of rotation of the sheet transport cylinder 6 and axes of rotation of other sheet transport cylinders 5,7 adjacent the first mentioned sheet transport cylinder.

Stein does not teach an adjusting device for adjusting the sheet transport cylinder depending upon various printing-material thicknesses, comprising a mounting support for mounting the sheet transport cylinder so that a rotational axis of the sheet transport cylinder is adjustable from a first axial position which corresponds to a given printing-material thickness to a second axial position which corresponds to another printing-material thickness and is axially parallel to said first axial position, where

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adjusting directions lie at least approximately on a bisector of an angle determined by the axis of rotation of the sheet transport cylinder and axes of rotation of other sheet transport cylinders adjacent to the first-mentioned sheet transport cylinder.

Sugiyama teaches an adjusting device for adjusting a sheet transport cylinder depending upon various printing-material thicknesses, comprising a mounting support 35 for mounting a sheet transport cylinder 32 so that a rotational axis of the sheet transport cylinder is adjustable from a first axial position B which corresponds to a given printing-material thickness to a second axial position B1 which corresponds to another printing-material thickness and is axially parallel to said first axial position, where adjusting directions lie at least approximately on a bisector of an angle determined by the axis of rotation B of the sheet transport cylinder and axes of rotation P,I of other cylinders adjacent to the first-mentioned sheet transport cylinder.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Stein to have the adjusting device as taught by Sugiyama, in order to accurately and efficiently transport printing materials of varying thicknesses.

### ***Conclusion***

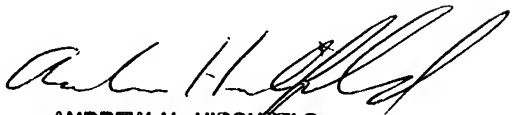
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin D. Williams whose telephone number is (703) 305-3036. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 6:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (703) 305-6619. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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